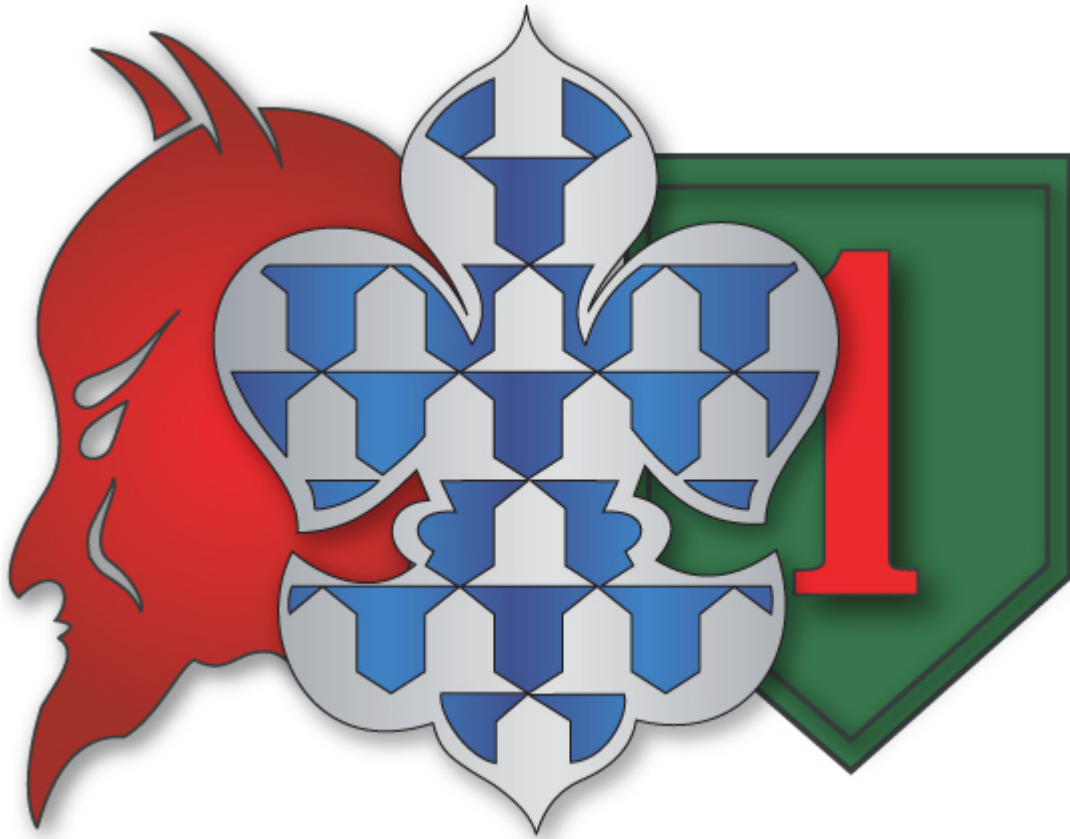


Command Group
1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division –
The Devil Brigade



Biography and Photo,
Brigade Commander
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COL Welsh began his service as an Infantry Officer in January 1989. After completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, COL Welsh was assigned to Germany, where he served as a rifle platoon leader and was later deployed to Desert Storm and was subsequently sent to Korea. During his time in Korea he served as an executive officer, battalion motor officer and assistant operations officer. Following attendance at the Infantry Officer Advance Course, COL Welsh was assigned to Korea, initially commanding Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment and subsequently commanding Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment.

Following his commands in Korea, COL Welsh served as a Company Team Trainer at the NTC, Fort Irwin, California and later as a Small Group Instructor at the Infantry Captains Career Course, at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon completion of the Command and General Staff College COL Welsh was assigned to Korea, where he initially served as the Battalion S-3 for the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment and subsequently as the Brigade Operations Officer for 1st Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division.

COL Welsh has been assigned to the Pentagon as a Joint Staff Officer serving as the Director to the CJCS's Special Program's Office and is currently serving as the CSA's Special Assistant. COL Welsh served as the Battalion Commander for the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry for a total of 36 months, assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas, during that time COL Welsh was deployed in support of OIF 06-08 as the Commander for the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry for a total of 16 months in Mosul, Iraq.

COL Welsh's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal for Valor, the Bronze Star , (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Purple Heart, the Joint Meritorious Service Medal ,the Army Meritorious Service Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters), the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Korea Defense Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the United States Army Ranger Tab, Pathfinder Badge, Airborne Badge, Joint Staff Badge and Army Staff Badge.

COL Welsh is married; he and his wife have 3 children

Bio as of: 3 June 2010